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In re Application of

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For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING AN EXTREME INTERACTION PITCH REGION,
METHODS OF DESIGNING MASK PATTERNS AND MANUFACTURING MASKS,
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHODS AND COMPUTER PROGRAMS

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 120, Applicants hereby claim the priority of U. S. Patent Application No. 09/840,305, filed April 24, 2001, of which this application is a Continuation-In-Part, which claims the benefit of the priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of:

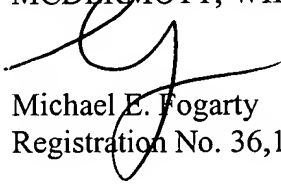
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Acknowledgement is respectfully requested.

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